

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A flat luminous element comprising:

at least one substrate;

one flat coating arranged on a surface of the substrate and including

~~a plurality of first electroluminescent elements arranged next to one another in~~
~~different parts~~ region of the flat coating, ~~a surface of the plurality of~~
~~electroluminescent elements is configured to emit~~ that emits a light having a first
[[power]] light density, and

~~at least one separate~~ a second electroluminescent ~~element configured to emit~~
region of the flat coating that emits a light having a second [[power]] light density;
and

a flat optical device configured to concentrate the light emitted by the ~~at least one~~
~~separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region into a tapered light beam.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 18,
wherein the flat optical device is further configured to deviate the tapered light beam.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

an additional substrate, at least one of the substrates being transparent to the light emitted by the ~~plurality of~~ first electroluminescent ~~elements~~ region and the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ first electroluminescent ~~elements~~ region and the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region are disposed between the two substrates.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 20, wherein the flat optical device is disposed on or in the at least one substrate that is transparent to the light emitted by the ~~plurality of~~ first electroluminescent ~~elements~~ region and the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flat optical device includes a plane lens.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flat optical device includes a holographic element including a film with microprisms, and the holographic element is transparent to the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region and configured to deviate the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flat optical device includes a plane mirror that is transparent to the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region and configured to deviate the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flat optical device is disposed directly onto the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least a part of the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region is guided inside the at least one substrate that is transparent to the light emitted by the ~~plurality of first~~ electroluminescent ~~elements~~ region and the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region, acting as a light waveguide, and the at least part of the light is emitted elsewhere well away from the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the direction of emission of the light from the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region deviates from the normal to a plane of the at least one substrate.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 18, further comprising an antireflection layer provided at least at a place of exit of a light ray from the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 18, further comprising at least one switching element for connecting and/or disconnecting the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 29, wherein the at least one switching element includes a touch or a proximity detector associated with a surface of the flat luminous element.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 19, further comprising, in a region of a surface of the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region, an opaque coating, along which the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region is deviated by the flat optical device.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): An interior equipment of a vehicle comprising:
a flat luminous element that includes

at least one substrate,

one flat coating arranged on a surface of the substrate and including

~~a plurality of first electroluminescent elements arranged next to one another in different parts~~ region of the flat coating, ~~a surface of the plurality of electroluminescent elements is configured to emit~~ that emits a light having a first ~~[[power]]~~ light density, and

~~at least one separate~~ a second electroluminescent ~~element~~ configured to ~~emit~~ region of the flat coating that emits a light having a second ~~[[power]]~~ light density, and

a flat optical device configured to concentrate the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region into a tapered light beam.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A roofing substrate or element of a vehicle comprising:

a flat luminous element that includes

at least one substrate,

one flat coating arranged on a surface of the substrate and including

~~a plurality of first electroluminescent elements arranged next to one another in different parts~~ region of the flat coating, ~~a surface of the plurality of electroluminescent elements is configured to emit~~ that emits a light having a first ~~[[power]]~~ light density, and

~~at least one separate~~ a second electroluminescent ~~element~~ configured to ~~emit~~ region of the flat coating that emits a light having a second ~~[[power]]~~ light density, and

a flat optical device configured to concentrate the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region into a tapered light beam.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): An interior surface of a building comprising:

a flat luminous element that includes

at least one substrate,

one flat coating arranged on a surface of the substrate and including

a ~~plurality of~~ first electroluminescent ~~elements arranged next to one another in different parts~~ region of the flat coating, ~~a surface of the plurality of electroluminescent elements is configured to emit~~ that emits a light having a first ~~[[power]]~~ light density, and

~~at least one separate~~ a second electroluminescent ~~element configured to emit~~ region of the flat coating that emits a light having a second ~~[[power]]~~ light density, and

a flat optical device configured to concentrate the light emitted by the ~~at least one separate~~ second electroluminescent ~~element~~ region into a tapered light beam.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second ~~power measured~~ light density per unit area of the coating is greater than the first ~~power measured~~ light density per the unit area of the coating.

Claim 36 (New): The interior equipment of the vehicle as claimed in claim 32, wherein the second light density per unit area of the coating is greater than the first light density per the unit area of the coating.

Claim 37 (New): The roofing substrate or element of the vehicle as claimed in claim 33, wherein the second light density per unit area of the coating is greater than the first light density per the unit area of the coating.

Claim 38 (New): The interior surface of the building as claimed in claim 34, wherein the second light density per unit area of the coating is greater than the first light density per the unit area of the coating.

Claim 39 (New): The flat luminous element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second light density of the light emitted by the second electroluminescent region is greater than the first light density of the light emitted by the first electroluminescent region.

Claim 40 (New): The interior equipment of the vehicle as claimed in claim 32, wherein the second light density of the light emitted by the second electroluminescent region is greater than the first light density of the light emitted by the first electroluminescent region.

Claim 41 (New): The roofing substrate or element of the vehicle as claimed in claim 33, wherein the second light density of the light emitted by the second electroluminescent region is greater than the first light density of the light emitted by the first electroluminescent region.

Claim 42 (New): The interior surface of the building as claimed in claim 34, wherein the second light density of the light emitted by the second electroluminescent region is greater than the first light density of the light emitted by the first electroluminescent region.

Claim 43 (New): A flat luminous element comprising:
at least one substrate;
one flat coating arranged on a surface of the substrate and including
a first electroluminescent region of the flat coating that emits a light having a first light density, and
a second electroluminescent region of the flat coating that emits a light having a second light density; and
a flat optical device configured to deviate or concentrate the light emitted by the second electroluminescent region.